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NOTE

TO: Chairman, Human Resources Committee

SUBJECT: The DoD Scientific and Technical Intelligence
Information Services Program (STIISP)

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1. That which follows is for information only.

2. One of the conclusions reached by [] during his initial critique of Community LITINT activities was that there appeared to be room for improvement in the way that translation and other LITINT support functions are performed among the military services. While he did not go into detail he was talking generally about the DoD STIISP, which consists of S&T Intelligence Information Services and S&T Foreign Language Services. The former equates with the Central Information Reference and Control (CIRC) system administered by AF/FTD [] (is the program manager); the latter consists of translation activities carried out by various DoD entities, the largest of which is the machine-translation activity conducted by AF/FTD.

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3. The DoD program manager for the STIISP is the Deputy Director of DIA for Scientific and Technical Intelligence (DIA/DT). This means that all DoD open source collection (OSCOL) activities are embodied in the STIISP which is administered by the production side of DIA. DIA/DT has no natural entre to the HUMAN Resources Committee (HRC), for the very good reason that the HRC is a collection committee and draws its DIA representation from the DIA Deputy Director for Collection Operations (DIA/DC) in the person of [] Chief of the Human Resources Division (DIA/DC-4).

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4. Therein lie two small but noteworthy problems:

- a. While [] is the appropriate person to represent DIA in the HRC, his office can make no substantive contribution on HRC OSCOL matters. If OSCOL is to stay in the HRC we must find a formula which will enable DIA/DT, presently represented on the OSCOL working group by [] (CIRC system) and William Dodge (Library System), to continue its direct participation in HRC OSCOL activities.

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Possible Solution: Let the present ad hoc working group, with [] and Dodge, continue to work on OSCOL matters but place it under an HRC OSCOL Steering Group composed of HRC members (including [] from those departments and agencies which engage in OSCOL activities.

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- b. In following up on [] initial findings we in the ad hoc working group have found additional indications that DIA/DT management of the STIISP is very relaxed. With the system apparently running itself - fairly well on the whole - there are some long held complaints from analysts that might benefit from attention. The complaints allege inadequate support to analysts from the CIRC system, for reasons which reportedly track back to inaction by DIA/DT as the program manager. The question is how best to interview DIA/DT on this topic.

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Proposed Solution: At an early date I will go through HRC member [] to invite a DIA/DT representative to brief the OSCOL working group on the STIISP, and to discuss with the members problems, issues and opportunities for improvement in the STIISP. I have discussed this with [] deputy, who agreed that this would be a logical approach.

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